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FUGITIVE ALIEN FLIGHT STUDENT INDICTED FOR POSSESSING WEAPONS

ATLANTA, GA. -- David E. Nahmias, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia; Kenneth A. Smith, Special Agent-in-Charge, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and Gregory Jones, Special Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation; announced that a federal grand jury has returned an indictment against Zayead Christopher Hajaig a/ka Barry John Felton.

The indictment charges Hajaig with one count of being an illegal alien in possession of a Norinco SKS rifle, one count of an illegal alien in possession of a Romarm Cugir rifle, and one count of being an illegal alien in possession of an MAS rifle.

The case is being investigated by members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, including ICE and the FBI. In the initial stages of the investigation, U.S. citizens alerted Hajaig to the fact that agents had been inquiring of his whereabouts and training at Georgia flight schools. Hajaig, upon learning of the inquiries, immediately fled the country and is currently a fugitive.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial. Assistant United States Attorney Katherine Monahan is prosecuting the case.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.